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RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS IN SOVIET RAILROAD OPERATIONS

LARGE NUMBER OF ABOVE-NORM-WEIGHT TRAINS -- Moscow, Gudok, 13 Nov 51

Akmolinsk Depot locomotive crews of the Karaganda Railroad System ran 647 above-norm-weight trains during the past 7 months; hauling about 178,000 tons of freight above norm.

STATION INCREASES OPERATING EFFICIENCY -- Moscow, Gudok, 25 Oct 51

The Nevinnomysskaya Station of the Ordzhonikidze Railroad System dispatched 84 percent of the trains according to schedule in April 1951, 94 percent in September and October. During the same period the layover of through cars not being repaired was decreased 20 minutes, which is 25 minutes less than the norm. The layover of cars being repaired was decreased almost 2 hours, compared to the norm.

Increased operating efficiency has permitted a decrease in locomotive layover on the tracks of 11 minutes, compared to the norm, and a decrease of 23 minutes in servicing locomotives.

Since the beginning of 1951, faster train processing has made possible a saving of 23,000 train-hours.

One shift consistently dispatches 94 percent of all trains according to schedule. In July, August, and September this shift processed more than 200 long-distance trains.

RAILROADS GET WINTER SCHEDULES -- Moscow, Gudok, 20 Nov 51

Today, the railroad systems of the USSR are to begin operating on the winter schedules for train operations.

These new schedules call for increases in freight hauling and decreases in locomotive and car layovers.

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COST-ACCOUNTING MAKES SAVINGS -- Moscow, Gudok, 12 Oct 51

Through the introduction of cost-accounting, the Karaganda Sortirovochnaya Station of the Karaganda System saved 1,217,000 rubles during the first 8 months of 1951.

TO AID DONBASS RAILROADS -- Moscow, Pravda, 6 Oct 51

Following criticism of the Donbass railroads for poor work management, the Ministry of Transportation has undertaken measures to aid the Donbass railroads.

Three hundred empty cars above the estimated requirements are being shipped to the Donbass daily. In addition, a reserve of empty cars is being created.

The Main Traffic Administration is strongly enforcing the fulfillment of the plan for shipping freight to the Donbass and the fulfillment of train schedules, especially those with empty cars and freight for the North Donets and South Donets Railroad Systems.

Engineers and technicians have been sent to 37 railroad stations in the Donbass to help introduce new operating techniques for stations and transportation shops of industrial enterprises.

GASOLINE SHORTAGE AT RADVILISHKIS RR CAR DEPOT -- Moscow, Gudok, 12 Oct 51

The Radvilishkis Railroad Car Depot does not receive sufficient gasoline for the one internal combustion locomotive assigned there. Because of this gasoline shortage the switching operations must be done manually, consuming an average of 1,040 man-hours per month. This equals the time required for the medium repair of seven cars. The car-service organization should either supply sufficient gasoline or convert the locomotive for operation on another type of fuel.

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